

# CLAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2014 Annual Report



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## Introduction

**To:** *Citizens of the Town of Clayton, Mayor Jody McLeod, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Grannis, Council members Art Holder, Butch Lawter, Bob Satterfield, Jason Thompson and Town Manager Steve Biggs*



On behalf of the police officers and staff of the Clayton Police Department, I am pleased to submit to you the 2014 Annual Report. This report provides the reader with information regarding the various divisions and units within the Department and gives them a glimpse into our activities and accomplishments this past year.

The report also contains information regarding crime trends in the community, as well as reported crimes and arrests. In 2014, we continued to serve Clayton to the best of our ability by sharing data and activities with the community to keep citizens well informed. We have remained diligent in addressing crime and safety issues throughout the Town of Clayton.

Significant events involving the [Clayton Police Department](#) in 2014 include:

- Two new officers hired to fill vacancies
- K-9 Able joined the CPD's ranks
- One new office assistant was hired to fill a vacancy
- 2 civilian employees retired
- New Training Officer Position created
- 1 additional Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate earned
- 2 Intermediate Law Enforcement Certifications earned
- US Police K-9 Trails
- 2 homicides were investigated (*both were solved with suspects arrested*)
- Filed Reports on 690 Traffic Accidents – 173 with injuries, 1 fatality
- Handled 26,946 police calls for service in 2014

The principles and practices of community policing remain our best approach to serving our diverse community. Throughout the year we have taken pride in serving our community and upholding the rights of all citizens. We appreciate the continued support of the department's law enforcement and community service efforts. The members of the Clayton Police Department continue to demonstrate their commitment to providing a safe community for all.

## Synopsis of Crime Statistics

*This is the Clayton Police Department's preliminary 2014 annual report on Part I (Index) Crimes. The data analyzed for this summary covers the period from January 1 through December 31, 2014.*

*During the past year, the Clayton Police Department received 452 reports of Part I (Index\*) Offenses.*

*The number of **Violent Crimes reported in 2014 increased by a total of 10 (35.71%)** over the 2013 number. This was due in large part to an increase in aggravated assaults from 20 to 26. Robbery offenses also saw a rise from 5 to 7 and there were 2 homicide cases investigated. The number of **Property Crimes decreased this year by 10 incidents.***

*These statistics must always be viewed in the context that numerical deviations are influenced by many factors beyond our control (see Appendix A). While we are careful to monitor apparent trends in reported crime and are cautiously pleased with our crime rate which remains well below state and national levels, that is of little consolation to those who have been victims of crime. The Police Department staff, officers, and civilian employees have shown a steadfast commitment to improving our department and to making Clayton a better place to live, work and visit.*

<b>Part I (Index) Crimes for Town of Clayton</b>					
	* For an explanation of how Summary-based Uniform Crime Reporting is scored and tabulated for statistical analysis, see <b>Appendix A</b> .				
<b>Crime</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013 – 2014 change**</b>
Murder	0	0	0	2	+ (2) **
Rape	2	4	3	3	n/a
Robbery	10	5	5	7	+ (2) **
Aggravated Assault	18	15	20	26	+ (6) **
<b>Violent Crime Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>+(10) **</b>
Burglary	112	101	104	113	+ 8.65 %
Larceny	282	288	307	293	- 4.56 %
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	8	11	8	- (3) **
<b>Property Crime Total</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>- 2.36%</b>
<b>TOTAL INDEX CRIMES</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>n/a 0 % increase or decrease</b>

\*\* Change shown by actual number of incidents (not by percentage, if the total # is less than 100).

# New Police Officers

Officer Lance Cavanaugh



Officer Cavanaugh joined the department in April of 2014. He is a native of Clayton and joined the Marine Corps after graduation from Clayton High School. He graduated from the Johnston County Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training Program and obtained a year of experience before coming to Clayton.

Officer Jeff Young



*Officer Young became a member of the force in November of 2014. He came to the department after serving over 3 years with the Benson Police Department. He graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Training at Johnston Community College and grew up in the Raleigh area.*





# New Canine Officer



The Clayton Police Department added another K-9 to it's' force in 2014. K-9 *Abel* is a German Shepard that was imported from the Netherlands. Abel and his handler, *Ofc. Jamie Brantley*, attended a four (4) month, 560 hour, basic K-9 course, with the Wilson Police Department K-9 Academy and started with patrol on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2014.

K-9 *Abel* is a dual purpose patrol dog that is certified with the *United States Police Canine Association (USPCA)* in the fields of obedience, agility, tracking, evidence search, suspect search, criminal apprehension, and the detection of illegal narcotics. *Ofc Brantley* and K-9 *Abel* gained their annual certifications in the USPCA Police Dog I (PD-I) and Police Dog II (PD-II) Trials within five (5) months of graduating their basic academy and competed in the National Trial in October.

*Ofc Brantley* and K-9 *Abel* are assigned to the Patrol Division to work alongside patrol squads as well as assisting the Investigative Services Division when needed. They spend numerous hours in training to maintain their certification and ensure they are prepared for situations they may encounter on the streets of Clayton.

*Ofc Brantley* and K-9 *Abel* have assisted in several investigations this year including arrests for narcotics violations as well as helping to find evidence and apprehend subjects during tracks. They have also done several public demonstrations to showcase the various capabilities of the K-9 Team.



# New Civilian Staff

**Anne Abene**



*Mrs. Abene joined the department in July of 2014. She is a native of Clayton and first began working with the Town in 2006 in the Finance Department. She transferred to the police department and will serve as a Senior Administrative Assistant as well as liaison with the State Bureau of Investigations Division of Criminal Information.*

# Retirements within the Department



Diane Moore

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*Ms. Moore began working with the department as a dispatcher in 2003. She later became an Administrative Assistant until her retirement in July.*

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Jim Poindexter

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*Jim Poindexter retired in August of 2014 after many years of service to the Town. He was a volunteer Fireman before coming to the department in 1999 as a dispatcher. He later became the department's Code Enforcement Officer.*

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# New Training Officer Position

After several years in the making, the Town of Clayton and the Police Department were able to re-evaluate and re-classify a position to create a full time training Officer.

The department identified a need to have better management of its training, files and records for the officers. To achieve this goal the training officer's position was created.

The position is responsible for managing the State's in-service mandated training and keeping up with certifications, training needs and professional certificates for the department.

Officer Andy Jernigan was chosen for the position and began his new assignment in July of 2014. He has been with the department for over 12 years. During that time he has been a lead instructor for the agency and a valuable resource in the area of training.



Below are some photos from the 2014 In-Service training.



*Pictured left, Ofc. Vause works with Lt. Fint on defensive tactics and baton strikes, while Ofc. Jernigan looks on.*

Pictured right, Ofc. Moyer deploys his TASER at Ofc. Jernigan during Taser training.





# **Professional Certificate Awards**

The State of North Carolina recognizes Police Officers professional achievements by considering years of service, training and traditional or advanced education. This recognition is awarded and approved by the Department of Justice's Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. Officers must apply for these certificates which are voted on by the Commission. There are three levels of awards, Basic, Intermediate and Advanced. These awards are some of the highest given to officers on behalf of the State of North Carolina. Intermediate and Advanced Certification also assist the Town by reducing insurance rates.

Currently the Department has **11** total officers who hold an **Intermediate** Professional Law Enforcement Certificate and **25** total officers who hold **Advanced** Professional Law Enforcement Certificates.

During 2014 the following officers received certificates:



***Officer Miguel Duran***

In January, Officer Duran was awarded his Intermediate Professional Law Enforcement Certificate.



***Detective Isiah Ruffin***

In June, Detective Ruffin was awarded his Intermediate Professional Law Enforcement Certificate.



***Lieutenant Russell Flint***

In August, Lt. Flint was awarded his Advanced Professional Law Enforcement Certificate.

# **Department Awards & Recognitions**

## **Ofc. Tyler Johnson receives Departmental Certificate of Merit Award**



On January 7<sup>th</sup> of 2014 Officer Johnson was on patrol on the west side of Town. Snow had fallen and the temperature was below freezing. Officer Johnson took the initiative to check on a man who was known to sleep in the woods behind Wal-Mart. At 2:30 a.m. Johnson located the man whose eyes were frozen shut and who was in the early stages of hypothermia. Johnson transported the man to the hospital and searched the area for others. Officer Johnson's attention to duty and dedication to his community were recognized by the award of the Certificate of Merit.

## **Johnston County Recognizes Officer Justin Vause**

In March, Officer Vause received the Johnston County Law Enforcement Officer of the Month Award. Vause, who is a K-9 officer, was recognized by the District Attorney's Office for his level of Driving While Impaired arrests as well as his aggressive prosecution of these cases. Officer Vause made over 20 D.W.I. arrests in 2014 along with numerous drug and drug related charges.



# **Police Officer of the Year Award**



Each year the police department selects an Officer of the Year from among every sworn officer on the department. Numerous factors are considered during this selection and the employee who has proven their commitment to superior service to the community, exceptional work ethic, and dedication to their chosen profession, is selected.

After careful consideration, Detective Brian Temple was selected as the Clayton Police Department's Officer of the Year for 2014.

Detective Temple has been with the Clayton Police Department since February of 2001. During that time he has held numerous assignments on the department to include that of patrol officer, traffic officer, motorcycle officer, and detective. He has successfully worked numerous cases ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies. He has been a member of the department's tactical team since it was formed and has countless hours of SWAT and investigative training.

# 2014 Year in Review

## Notable Crimes & Occurrences

### January 14<sup>th</sup>, Walgreens Robbery

Three Garner men are now behind bars charged in the January 14th armed robbery at the Walgreens on US70 in Clayton. Two cashiers were held at gunpoint by two masked men. For several months, the Town of Clayton Police detectives worked with Raleigh, Garner, and Fuquay Varina Police Departments to develop leads and locate the suspects. Together, they were able to connect the dots between several other robberies that happened around the same time in all of these towns. Detectives believe 21-year-old Richard McKay, 23-year-old Demetrich Anderton, and 24-year-old Timothy Cooper robbed convenience stores, sweepstakes/digital gambling locations, and pharmacies throughout Wake and Johnston Counties. A Walgreens in Fuquay Varina was robbed just hours before Clayton's with similar circumstances. The suspects were eventually arrested and charged with Robbery With a Dangerous Weapon, Second Degree Kidnapping, and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon.



### March – Clayton Estates neighborhood Break-In's

Thanks to tips and cooperation from residents in Clayton Estates and neighboring Alta mobile home park on 42West, Clayton Police Detectives arrested 21-year-old Javier Zavala and 18-year-old Luis Garcia for breaking into several different homes and stealing property. After detectives charged them in one break in on March 14th, they were able to tie these two suspects to other break-ins that happened on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.



Javier Zavala



Luis Garcia





## Security Alarm Check Leads to Marijuana Bust



A security alarm check at a Clayton couple's home led to the discovery of more than 135 grams of marijuana. On Tuesday, April 29th, officers responded to an alarm call at 902 Dairy Road when they discovered the marijuana, as well as packaging materials, and paraphernalia. The two residents at the home, 22-year-old Shaquan Branch and 18-year-old Shairail Lawrence were both charged with Felony Possession of Marijuana, Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, and or Deliver Marijuana, and Maintaining a Dwelling to Sell Marijuana.

## May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Clayton PD Hosted the USPCA Regional Trials

The Police Department was proud to host the United States Police Canine Association's Region - 2 Certification Trials at East Clayton Community Park on Glen Laurel Road. Nearly 40 police K-9 teams from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia participated in these intense trials. Not only did Clayton PD Officers Vause & Brantley and their K9's "Major" & "Abel" receive their certifications, but they also qualified for the nationals in October.

[Watch this incredible video](#) to see our officers in action!

- Exciting 2-Day Event
- More than 50 Police K-9's from North & South Carolina
- Watch Certification Trials in:
  - Agility
  - Box Searches
  - Obedience
  - Article Searches
  - Bite work (with/without gunfire)
- Come Support Clayton's own K-9's "Major" & "Abel"
- PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PETS AT HOME!



## **SPRING 2014 USPCA K9 CERTIFICATION TRIALS**

**May 21 & 22 2014**

**8am – 5pm**

**East Clayton Community Park  
1774 Glen Laurel Road  
Clayton, NC**



**Help Support  
Your Local  
K9 Unit!**

Clayton Police Department  
315 E Second St.  
Clayton NC, 27820  
919-553-4611



## **Special Olympics TORCH RUN**

On Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Members of the department participated in the North Carolina [Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics](#). The run unites officers from law enforcement agencies and corrections departments across the state in an effort to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics of North Carolina.

Each summer, law enforcement officials carry the *Flame of Hope* across the state in The Torch Run Final Leg, culminating in the lighting of the cauldron to officially open the Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games in Raleigh. The 2,000-mile, 15-day Torch Run Relay involves more than 2,500 law enforcement officers and personnel representing more than 200 law enforcement agencies across North Carolina.



The Clayton Police Department was honored to carry the torch! [Click HERE to watch a video of the 2014 run!](#)



### **July 19th, First Homicide in 7 Years Solved Within Hours**

Clayton Police arrested 53-year-old Jose Louis Ramierz Delgado of 415 S. Lombard Street in Clayton just hours after witnesses say he stabbed another man behind a convenience store on Main Street. It happened around 10 o'clock Saturday night, July 19th, behind the Clayton Mart at 208 East Main Street. Detectives say the two men were arguing when 50-year-old Carlos Luis Rubio of 421 W. First Street was stabbed twice and Delgado took off running. Rubio was rushed to Wake Med where he was pronounced dead shortly after his arrival. A team of officers and detectives, including the department's newest K-9 officer "Abel", began actively searching for Delgado and found him hiding under a nearby warehouse. Delgado was charged with homicide. This is the first homicide in the Town of Clayton in 7 years and the department is pleased that an arrest could be made so quickly.

### **Clayton Family Dollar Robbed**

Clayton Police Officers are searching for suspects who robbed the Family Dollar store on US Business 70. The armed robbery happened just before 10 pm on Saturday, August 9th, in the Clayton Village Shopping Center, 10137 US Business Highway 70 West. Two men walked in demanding money and cigarettes and then escaped out the back. No one was hurt during the robbery and the case remains under investigation.





### **Arrest made in over a Dozen Car Break In's**

In October, Officers arrested an Angier man who preyed on multiple unlocked cars in the Riverwood community, stealing credit cards and electronics. The arrest was made within 24 hours after officers began investigating the crimes.

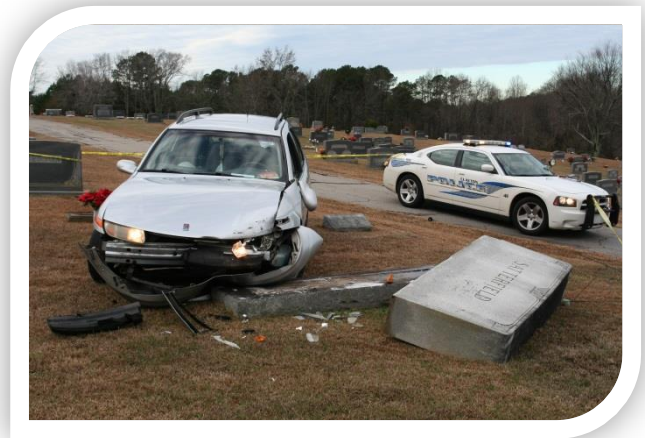
Joshua David Turner, 27, of 79 Nicolas Court, was arrested and charged with 11 felonious counts of breaking and entering into a motor vehicle, four counts of felonious financial card theft, one count of felonious financial card fraud, five counts of misdemeanor larceny and one count of obtaining property by false pretense.

### **Arrest made in Christmas Day Robbery / Carjacking**

On Christmas morning, a newspaper delivery driver from Raleigh assisted a stranger asking for help and a ride to Clayton.

Along the way, she became uncomfortable and told the man she would not take him any farther. She told police the man got angry, pulled a knife and threatened her if she did not give him money and continue driving. The woman eventually stopped her car in Clayton and ran. She called 911, and officers found the suspect driving the car. After a brief chase, the suspect crashed the car in a cemetery and then jumped out and ran. He was quickly captured.

Trent Lesean Creech, 33, of the 2000 block of Southgate Drive in Raleigh, was charged with first-degree kidnapping, robbery with a dangerous weapon, felonious restraint, fleeing to elude arrest, larceny of a motor vehicle, financial card theft, injury to personal property and assault on a law enforcement officer.



### **Second Homicide of the year investigated in December**

Detectives say *Cortaz Quemel Lucas, Jr.*, 17, of Clayton shot 28-year-old Robert Horton on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, at Horton's home in the Alta Mobile Home Park on South Lombard Street.

A domestic or family-related issue led to the shooting, which left Horton with multiple gunshot wounds to the chest. Police responded to the mobile home park about 2:35 a.m. on Sunday to a call of shots fired. When they arrived, they found Horton lying on the living room floor of a trailer at lot 67. First responders rushed Horton to WakeMed in Raleigh, where he later died.

*Note: In the early morning hours of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the suspect was arrested in Fayetteville by Clayton Detectives working with the FBI, ATF, and Fayetteville Police Department.*

## Officer Activity, Complaints, and Internal Reviews

The Clayton Police Department continues to assess the conduct of our employees as we strive to ensure that all officers and civilians represent the agency in a positive manner. Our goal is to offer a high level of quality, commitment and professionalism both on and off-duty. To that end, we fully document and investigate any and all complaints against members of our department, and communicate with complainants regarding the status of their individual complaint(s).

In 2014 the department investigated a total of 13 complaints which was up from 6 in 2013. This total includes complaints made by citizens and those initiated by the administration of the police department. Of the 13 complaints investigated; 3 were substantiated, 3 were unfounded, and 5 were exonerated and 2 were not sustained. In all sustained cases some level of disciplinary or corrective action is taken. **All complaints from all sources are documented in writing and investigated.**

### Definitions of Complaint Classifications

Sustained	-	Information was sufficient to prove the allegation
Not Sustained	-	Information was insufficient to prove the allegation.
Exonerated	-	The allegation or conduct occurred, but was lawful and proper.
Unfounded	-	The allegation was proven false or determined to be not factual.

*\*Subject of all Complaints (both internal and external origins)*

Excessive Use of Force	2
Rights Violation	1
Improper Police Action	4
Biased Based	0
Officer Demeanor	4
Other	2

### Defensive Actions

Officers reported 21 encounters requiring Defensive Actions in 2014. Clayton Police Officers are required by departmental policy to complete an internal report for every occasion during which they have to use physical force or use weapons in self-defense, to affect an arrest, to respond to aggression or resistance, or to perform some other lawful action.

### Citations

Citations differ from arrests in law enforcement reporting. Citations are primarily issued to offenders charged with infractions or minor misdemeanors that do not require the signing or the posting of a bond (waivable offense). Citations are written for traffic violations and a wide variety of non-traffic misdemeanors. In 2014, the Clayton Police Department's officers issued 3,923 charges on citations. This reflects an increase in activity of 618 citations when compared to 2013.



## Traffic Enforcement Action Taken by Driver's Sex, Race, and Ethnicity

Report From 1/1/2014 through 11/30/2014

Action	Gender	White	Black	Native American	Asian	Other	Total By Race	Hispanic	Non Hispanic	Total By Ethnicity
Citation Issued	Female	660	276	2	1	0	939	88	851	939
No Action Taken	Female	12	4	0	0	0	16	3	13	16
On-View Arrest	Female	15	2	0	0	0	17	2	15	17
Verbal Warning	Female	211	111	1	3	1	327	21	306	327
Written Warning	Female	187	80	1	3	0	271	7	264	271
Written Warning	Male	202	82	2	2	1	289	19	270	289
Verbal Warning	Male	342	190	1	4	2	539	66	473	539
On-View Arrest	Male	31	22	0	0	1	54	6	48	54
No Action Taken	Male	28	12	0	0	1	41	3	38	41
Citation Issued	Male	944	337	2	9	2	1294	231	1063	1294
Female Total	Female	1085	473	4	7	1	1570	121	1449	1570
Male Total	Male	1547	643	5	15	7	2217	325	1892	2217
<b>Total</b>		<b>2632</b>	<b>1116</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3787</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>3341</b>	<b>3787</b>

*Note: This data reflects ONLY vehicle stops for traffic offenses – It does not reflect citations for criminal misdemeanor or local ordinance violations.*

*This data is for the period of January 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014.*

### Traffic Collisions

In 2014, officers of the Clayton Police Department investigated 690 traffic accidents. This is 30 more accidents than were investigated in 2013. We also saw a significant increase in injuries resulting from accidents. In 2013 there were 122 injury accidents and in 2014 there were 173. There was only one traffic fatality investigated in 2014. That fatality was the result of an elderly female having a medical condition while driving, which sadly resulted in a fatality.

### Pursuits

There were a total of 3 pursuits in 2014. This represents a decrease of one pursuit when compared to 2013. Departmental policy states that all pursuits must be documented and reviewed at each supervisory level to insure that rules were followed.

### Calls for Service

There were 26,946 police calls for service in 2014. This is 2,778 more calls than were handled in 2013. The total number of calls includes traffic stops, wreck investigations, arrests, and a wide variety of officer-initiated actions as well as all police responses and planned activities.

## Appendix A

### About Crime Reporting

The Clayton Police Department voluntarily participates in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program (UCR) by submitting monthly reports to the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations. Through this voluntary program, and with the cooperation of participating agencies such as our own, the UCR program strives to ensure the production of a reliable and uniform set of crime statistics, from which a nationwide and statewide view of crime is possible. The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations' (SBI) Division of Criminal Information (DCI) gathers data from participating law enforcement agencies throughout the state and forwards the UCR statistics to the FBI in UCR format.

Because of their seriousness and frequency, seven offenses comprise a **Crime Index**, which is used by law enforcement agencies throughout the nation to serve as indicators of crime experience within jurisdictions. These figures are intended to represent the volume of crime in Clayton, NC. Volume indicators do not represent the actual number of crimes committed; rather, they represent the number of offenses reported to law enforcement for each category. The Uniform Crime Reporting program (UCR) collects data on offenses known to law enforcement, and on persons arrested, to depict total crime and to provide data for administrative and operational use in addressing community problems. With respect to Murder, Rape and Aggravated Assault, the volume represents the number of actual victims known to law enforcement, while for Robbery, Burglary, Larceny – Theft, and Motor Vehicle Theft, the number of known offenses is represented.

When analyzing UCR statistics, the user of this information should guard against superficial agency-to-agency comparisons. Such direct comparisons, without taking into account the demographic differences between law enforcement jurisdictions, are misleading.

The underlying causes of crime are complex, and they resist simplistic "quick-fix" solutions. Crime is a community problem that requires law enforcement, citizens of the community, and other social institutions in the community to cooperatively form crime-specific strategies for resisting crime. We continue to bring the resources that are available to us to bear on specific criminal activities, within our operating and resource limitations.

To accept crime as a fact of life is an admission of defeat. Only through the establishment of short and long-term strategies and the assistance of the citizens can the community successfully resist crime problems in our neighborhoods. The identification of our community's crime patterns, through an examination of local crime experience, is a starting point. Thus, these crime statistics are a way of revealing to all of the people in our community just what we're up against.

Social and economic factors have an enormous impact on the nature and levels of crime in any particular community. The FBI, as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting system (UCR), lists a number of factors that affect the volume and type of crime:

- *the size of the community and its population*
- *the density of its population*
- *how the population is composed*
- *stability of the population with respect to mobility and transience*
- *the prevailing economic conditions*
- *cultural conditions, such as educational, recreational, and religious characteristics*
- *climate*
- *effective strength of law enforcement agencies*
- *what law enforcement emphasizes in its administrative and investigative roles*
- *the policies of other components of the criminal justice system (prosecutors, courts, corrections, and probation)*
- *citizen attitudes towards crime*
- *how citizens report crime (how often, how quickly)*

The majority of these factors are somewhat beyond the control of the police. However, the Police Department can play a major role in controlling "street crimes" - those that occur in public places (e.g., purse snatching, assaults/muggings). Crimes of passion committed among relatives or friends and other crimes committed indoors, such as shoplifting, are crimes for which law enforcement agencies typically have little to no control over any increases and decreases in frequency. Police agencies collect information about these crimes and make arrests, as an order maintenance measure, whenever possible.

The rate at which citizens report crime varies from community to community. We strive to be responsive to our citizens' reports of criminal activity – the public's confidence in our ability to effectively respond to specific events is crucial if we, as a community, want to

## Appendix A ( continued )

formulate an effective community-wide strategy to resist increases in the frequency with which crimes occur. Therefore, increases in the frequency of crimes reported may be viewed favorably provided that we, as a community, use the statistics to identify our specific problems and formulate reasonable short and long-term responses.

In addition to arresting suspects after a crime has been committed, crime prevention and deterrence activities are methods by which Law Enforcement agencies and the citizens of the community can collaboratively resist increases in the volume of crimes.

All offenses are classified on the basis of law-enforcement officer investigation and in accordance with UCR offense definitions (which will not necessarily coincide with N.C. Statute definitions.) Because UCR identifies a Police problem, offense classifications are not based on the findings of a court, coroner, jury or decision of a prosecutor.

### SCORING OF UCR OFFENSES

The method of scoring in the Uniform Crime Reporting program varies with the type of crime committed, and it is important to remember that the number of offenders does not determine the number of offenses.

For murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, and aggravated assaults, one offense is scored for each victim regardless of the number of offenders involved. For example, three offenders could be involved in the murder of one victim, and in this case one murder would be scored.

For robbery and larceny, one offense is counted for each distinct operation - that is, separate in time and place. The number of victims in any one operation does not determine the number of offenses. For example, if ten (10) people are robbed in a bar at the same time, only one offense is counted. However, if that robber then leaves the bar and holds up a passerby, a second offense has occurred and would be scored.

For burglary, one offense is counted for each "structure" which is illegally entered. For UCR purposes, a structure is generally defined as an enclosed, permanently occupied area. The illegal entries for the purpose of committing a felony or theft of such structures as dwelling houses, garages, offices, barns and the like are considered burglaries, and one burglary is scored for each separate unit entered. The illegal entry of several structures used to hold transients, such as hotel rooms, is scored as one burglary if there was one distinct criminal operation, regardless of the number of rooms or structures that have been entered. For motor vehicle theft, one offense is counted for each theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. For UCR purposes, a motor vehicle is defined as any self-propelled vehicle that runs on the surface and not on rails or a body of water. Thefts of farm and construction equipment are excluded from this definition and are scored as larcenies. All cases where persons not having lawful access take automobiles are classified as motor vehicle theft, even though the vehicles may later be found abandoned. This includes "joyriding." One offense is scored for each vehicle stolen or for each attempt to steal a motor vehicle.

Attempts to commit any of the above offenses are counted with the exception of attempts or assaults to kill, which are classified and scored under aggravated assaults.

For multiple offenses that occur in one incident (at the same "time and place"), only the most serious offense is counted.

Part I crimes are ranked according to UCR's definition of seriousness, and appear in order from the most serious to least serious. For example, a robber may seize a man's wallet and then beat him causing serious injury. Both a robbery and an aggravated assault have occurred, but because robbery is considered by UCR to be more serious, only the robbery is scored. From one perspective this method of counting seriously understates the crime problem, but from another, it prevents undue inflation of crime statistics.

The Clayton Police Department is dedicated to the protection of life and property. We are further committed to treating all people with respect while holding ourselves and others accountable for our actions. We strive to uphold the constitution and to conduct ourselves with integrity in all our undertakings.

*R. W. Bridges*  
Chief of Police